**Development Plan for Horticulture**

3558. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan for development of infrastructure to assist horticulture industry has been chalked out;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States exporting horticulture product to the maximum extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) under Ministry of Agriculture has been implementing schemes of Integrated Project on Management of Post Harvest Infrastructure (PHM) of Horticultural Crops under which financial assistance in the form of soft loan is provided for creation of post harvest infrastructure facilities which include pre-cooling units, refrigerated transport vehicles, specialised transport vehicles, grading/packaging etc. and Development of Marketing of Horticultural Produce through participation in Soft Loan under which financial assistance is provided in the form of soft loan for setting up integrated projects in the field of fruits and vegetables marketing and processing etc. In order to give a major thrust to the development of cold storages, government recently approved a scheme for construction/expansion/ modernisation of cold storages and storages for horticultural produce under which capital subsidy is provided and the scheme is under implementation by NHB. Besides, department of Food Processing Industries is also implementing a schemes for creation of Infrastructural facilities of post harvest management and cold chain facilities for food processing including integrated project of cultivation and processing of mushroom, hops, gherkins and baby corn. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce is also giving grants-in-aid for setting up modified/controlled atmosphere cold storages for facilitation of export.

(c) The state-wise data for export of horticultural products are not Maintained.

**Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana**

3559. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: